

## STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

Web Posting Date: 05/02/12

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following notice.

The Director received an application for a NEW Class II Air Quality Operating Permit AP1041-3026 from:

Comstock Minerals Development Company LLC 400 Main Street Dayton, Nevada 89403

The project is located at 26 Stokes Drive, Mound House, Lyon County, Nevada. The Director has prepared tentative determinations regarding the operating permit that, in brief, are the following:

- The new permit is for a gold recovery facility that crushes metallic ore from nearby claim sites and separates the gold by gravity separation. The permitted units will include a hopper, four conveyors, impact crusher, jig plant, and two sand screws. Five building space heaters will be listed as non-permitted emission units. The process will be enclosed in the mill building.
- Emissions from the facility will not exceed 5.45 tons/year of PM<sub>10</sub>, 0.25 tons/year of NOx, 0.002 ton/year of SO<sub>2</sub>, 0.015 tons/year of VOC, and 0.11 tons/year of CO.
- No adverse ambient air quality impacts are expected.

On the basis of the preliminary review of the application and supporting information review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing his intent to issue a new Class II Air Quality Operating Permit. A copy of the Class II Air Permit Application and Director's Review is available for public inspection at:

Lyon County Library - Dayton Branch 321 Old Dayton Valley Road Dayton, NV 89403

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Director regarding this proposed action should submit their comments in writing either in person or by mail or fax within thirty (30) days to:

Randy Phillips

Division of Environmental Protection Nevada Bureau of Air Pollution Control 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701 (775) 687-9362 (775) 687-6396 FAX

The Class II Air Permit Application, Director's Review, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address or copies may be obtained by requesting in writing at the above address. The Notice of Proposed Action and Director's Review may also be obtained on the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection - Bureau of Air Pollution Control website (http://ndep.nv.gov/bapc/).

Written comments or objections, will be received at the Division of Environmental Protection, above address, until close of business on **June 6, 2012**, and will be retained and considered prior to final action on the NEW Class II operating permit.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.